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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(NEGOTIATIONS POLICY)

Subject: 1977 Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions
of 1949 on Protection of War Victims

The enclosed draft memorandum on the above subject is concurred
in, subject to redrafting of the fifth paragraph as follows:

"In their analysis of Protocol I, the Joint Chiefs of Staff
have also identified objections involving more than 25
percent of the articles. Ambiguities, restrictions and
deficiencies in the Protocol, in such areas as the use of
nuclear weapons, conducting reprisals for enemy violations,
and targeting vital enemy facilities, could create serious
operational and political problems for the military.
These problems constitute additional important reasons why the
USC should not ratify Protocol I."

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

JOSEPH S. DONNELL, III
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Enclosure
a/s

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